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December 2, 1966 letter from the German Bundeskriminalamt to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police inquiring about Jack Tramiel and Desiderius Farkas.

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the Berlin CID against the former chairmain of the board of directors of Bankhaus Hugo OPPENHEIM and Sohn Nachf. Berliner Privatbank AG, Berlin 15, Kurfürstendamm 32,

- Jack TRAMIEL, last known address: New York, 3226 Grand Boulevard, Baldwin, Willowdale, Ontario, 25 Fifshire Road South.

for fraudulent conversion in connection with company law.

In September 1964 TRAMIEL acquired shares of nominally 8.127.500 DM from the share capital of Bankhaus Oppenheim recently fixed to be 10 million DM.

After being appointed charmain of the board of directors he caused about 8 million DM shares to be bought from the Canadian bank ATLANTIC ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION LIMIT-ED, TORONTO. This Canadian bank went bankrupt in spring 1965.

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The nominal capital amounting to 250.000can.dollars earmarked for the Canadian branch of Oppenheim Bank, Hugo Oppenheim-Bank Limited, Toronto, and committed to him by order cheque, was used by TRAMIEL to acquire interests of Transcommercial Acceptance Limited Toronto. TRAMIEL incurred liabilities of about 3,5 million US dollars to be borne by Berlin Oppenheim-Bank, for which amount he acquired a hotel on the Bahamas.

TRAMIEL manipulated this with the firm Commodore ( $\digamma$  Sales Acceptance Limited, Toronto, which he owns himself.

In June 1965 TRAMIEL wanted to advantageously place the shares he owned from Berlin Oppenheim-Bank on the American stock market.

However, after the dwindling assets of Acceptance Limited Toronto became known the shares that had already been ready for shipment in Bremen could be called back for Oppenheim-Bank and devalued after capital reduction.

By allocating shaky credits amounting to some 300 000 DM FARKAS causally brought about the dwindling assets of Berlin Bankhaus Oppenheim in the years 1963/64.

TRAMIEL's contribution of capital was to cover the losses caused by FARKAS and to extend business.

The present board of directors, chairman Wolfgang WIRTH, has filed a petition for an arrangement with Charlottenburg Court on 20 October 1966 regarding the assets of Bankhaus Oppenheim. No decision has so far been taken concerning the insolvency proceedings.

It would be appreciated if a check be made and if the following questions could be answered:

- a) Financial condition of ATLANTIC ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION LIMITED TORONTO as per october 1964 and market value of the stocks of this company
- b) Was TRAMIEL working in any form for the ATLANTIC ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION LIMITED TORONTO?
- c) Which relations existed between the firm COMMODORE BUSINESS MACHINE (CANADA) LIMITED led by TRAMIEL and the ATLANTIC ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION LIMITED TORONTO?
- d) Do you have any information as to the whereabouts of 7000 ANALOGUE CONTROL SHARES which were deposited with the firm TRANS COMMERCIAL ACCEPTANCE LIMITED CANADA?

- e) Where do the claims of about 3.5 million US dollars from the firm TRANS COMMERCIAL ACCEPTANCE LTD. result from?
- f) What is known about the whereabouts of the nominal capital of 250 000 can. dollars remitted for the Canadian branch of Bankhaus Oppenheim, Berlin, Hugo Oppenheim, Canada Limited Toronto, by cheque dated 15 December 1964 drawn on the Bank of Nova Scotia, Toronto, to the order of Hugo Oppenheimbank (Canada) Limited?

Finally, it is asked to kindly send TRAMIEL's and FARKAS' true personal data as well as all the valuable information you may possess or be able to acquire about the matter.

Yours sincerely,

KRIM

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